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1350, Tuesday, April 12, 1994

Harmon C. McAllister, PhD  
Research Director  
Council for Tobacco Research-USA Inc  
900 Third Avenue  
New York NY 10022

Dear Doctor McAllister:

I have been chosen chair of the third triennial FASEB (Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology) Summer Research Conference on Renal Hemodynamics: Vascular Biology of the Renal Circulation to be held June 17-22, 1995 at the Vermont Academy, Saxtons River, Vermont.

The objective of the conference is to encourage dialogue among investigators from diverse disciplines who are seriously devoted to the study of renal hemodynamics and the vascular biology of the renal circulation.

My co-chairs are Drs. Christine Baylis, West Virginia University; John Hall, University of Mississippi Medical Center and Hartmut Kirchheim, University of Heidelberg, Germany. We have tentatively planned sessions on the following topics:

1. Cell Biology of Vascular Smooth Muscle
2. Biology of Vasoactive Substances of Endothelial Origin
3. Vascular Physiology of Endothelin
4. Vascular Physiology of Nitric Oxide
5. Vascular Physiology of Angiotensin II
6. Neural Mechanisms
7. Control of Glomerular Filtration Rate and Renal Blood Flow
8. Medullary Circulation
9. Integrative Aspects

Within these topic areas there will be presentations by investigators from multiple disciplines who utilize diverse approaches (cell and molecular to integrative whole animal) to understand the regulation of the renal circulation. The format consists of nine major sessions, five morning and four evening with daily predinner poster discussion sessions. There will be 30-40 invited principal speakers who, after brief orienting remarks by each session chair, will address current unresolved problems and recent ongoing research directed at their resolution. These will be followed by brief presentations by other participants on their most recent work in the area.

Preliminary identification of speakers has been undertaken so as to assure participation by those at the forefront of the research in these various topic areas. There will be a major emphasis to encourage the participation of junior scientists, including fellows and trainees, and minorities.

I am attempting to raise at least \$20,000 for partial support of each participant's travel (\$300-1000 depending on distance) and registration expenses (\$490). Thus, I am writing you to inquire about a possible financial contribution. Both invited junior and senior investigators would be eligible for partial support. The conference will be advertised by FASEB to their entire membership, as well as in various journals and Society Newsletters. As in our previously successful conferences (1989 and 1992), it is expected that a large number of people will apply; however, attendance is limited to approximately 155 individuals including speakers.

If you would like more information about the meeting, please contact me directly at 319-339-7195 (telephone) or 319-339-7023 (fax). I and the other conferees will greatly appreciate any financial help you can provide.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

*Gerald F. DiBona*

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Professor and Vice Chairman

P.S. Checks should be annotated "Renal Hemodynamics 1995" and made payable to:

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